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		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
ESTIMATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT - June quarter						
Unemployed persons	no.	n.a.	n.a.	541	385	487
Unemployment rate	%	n.a.	n.a.	3.2	2.4	2.9
TAXATION STATISTICS - year ended 30 June						
Non-taxable individuals	no.	3 486	3 925	3 858	3 567	-
Taxable individuals	no.	11 102	10 456	10 723	10 974	-
Taxable income	$m	363.0	347.6	381.8	411.4	-
Average taxable income	$	32 701	33 243	35 607	37 493	-
Net tax	$m	76.1	74.0	82.7	87.7	-
Average net tax	$	6 857	7 076	7 709	7 992	-
Average net tax ratio	%	21.0	21.3	21.7	21.3	-
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS * - year ended 30 June						
Wage and salary earners	no.	9 566	9 394	9 301	9 403	-
Wage and salary income	$m	279.0	282.5	297.1	313.7	-
Total income	$m	285.5	285.3	306.3	323.1	-
Average wage and salary income	$	29 167	30 075	31 946	33 362	-
Average total income	$	29 850	30 374	32 932	34 366	-
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS BY AGE AND SEX * - year ended 30 June						
Males - 15 years to 24 years	no.	1 238	1 188	1 157	1 183	-
Males - 25 years to 34 years	no.	1 276	1 227	1 167	1 167	-
Males - 35 years to 44 years	no.	1 255	1 191	1 169	1 152	-
Males - 45 years to 54 years	no.	897	924	926	920	-
Males - 55 years and over	no.	565	587	617	645	-
Males - Total	no.	5 231	5 117	5 036	5 067	-
Females - 15 years to 24 years	no.	960	905	898	915	-
Females - 25 years to 34 years	no.	1 179	1 124	1 082	1 074	-
Females - 35 years to 44 years	no.	1 074	1 061	1 074	1 095	-
Females - 45 years to 54 years	no.	770	811	811	839	-
Females - 55 years and over	no.	353	378	399	412	-
Females - Total	no.	4 336	4 279	4 264	4 335	-
Persons - 15 years to 24 years	no.	2 198	2 093	2 055	2 098	-
Persons - 25 years to 34 years	no.	2 455	2 351	2 249	2 241	-
Persons - 35 years to 44 years	no.	2 329	2 252	2 243	2 247	-
Persons - 45 years to 54 years	no.	1 667	1 735	1 737	1 759	-
Persons - 55 years and over	no.	918	965	1 016	1 057	-
Persons - Total	no.	9 567	9 396	9 300	9 402	-
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS BY OCCUPATION * - year ended 30 June						
Managers and Administrators	no.	-	694	651	669	-
Professionals	no.	-	1 296	1 242	1 231	-
Associate Professionals	no.	-	514	514	514	-
Tradespersons and Related Workers	no.	-	1 111	1 017	1 008	-
Advanced Clerical and Service Workers	no.	-	137	128	126	-
Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	no.	-	1 519	1 511	1 525	-
Intermediate Production and Transport Workers	no.	-	648	620	662	-
Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	no.	-	835	804	808	-
Labourers and Related Workers	no.	-	2 250	2 209	2 294	-
Not Stated	no.	-	627	610	575	-
Total wage and salary earners	no.	-	9 631	9 306	9 412	-
PERSONS WITH OWN UNINCORPORATED BUSINESS * - year ended 30 June						
Males						
Males with own unincorporated business	no.	1 868	1 371	1 411	-	-
Own unincorporated business income	$m	64.4	43.3	45.9	-	-
Total income	$m	58.2	44.1	50.0	-	-
Average own unincorporated business income	$	34 497	31 592	32 530	-	-
Average total income	$	31 134	32 173	35 417	-	-
Females						
Females with own unincorporated business	no.	1 191	871	925	-	-
Own unincorporated business income	$m	37.2	25.1	26.6	-	-
Total income	$m	35.5	25.8	29.5	-	-
Average own unincorporated business income	$	31 241	28 845	28 796	-	-
Average total income	$	29 825	29 579	31 857	-	-

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Persons						
Persons with own unincorporated business	no.	3 059	2 242	2 336	-	-
Own unincorporated business income	$m	101.6	68.4	72.5	-	-
Total income	$m	93.7	69.9	79.4	-	-
Average own unincorporated business income	$	33 229	30 524	31 051	-	-
Average total income	$	30 625	31 165	34 007	-	-
COUNTS OF BUSINESS ENTRIES AND EXITS						
Number of Businesses - at 30 June						
Non-employing businesses	no.	-	2 634	2 616	2 505	2 649
Employing businesses: 1 to 4 employees	no.	-	858	909	981	939
Employing businesses: 5 or more employees	no.	-	606	657	708	738
Total businesses	no.	-	4 098	4 182	4 194	4 326
Business Entries - year ended 30 June						
Non-employing businesses	no.	-	-	339	330	462
Employing businesses	no.	-	-	150	159	201
Total business entries	no.	-	-	489	489	663
Business Exits - year ended 30 June						
Non-employing businesses	no.	-	-	501	417	336
Employing businesses	no.	-	-	60	27	237
Total business exits	no.	-	-	561	444	573
Number of Businesses by Industry - at 30 June						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	no.	-	2 307	2 319	2 337	2 454
Mining	no.	-	24	36	48	45
Manufacturing	no.	-	108	123	102	105
Electricity, gas and water supply	no.	-	6	9	6	6
Construction	no.	-	309	300	321	309
Wholesale trade	no.	-	102	108	93	96
Retail trade	no.	-	318	309	321	315
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	no.	-	135	153	138	153
Transport and storage	no.	-	192	195	201	183
Communication services	no.	-	36	39	42	39
Finance and insurance	no.	-	81	90	96	93
Property and business services	no.	-	321	327	324	345
Education	no.	-	9	15	15	18
Health and community services	no.	-	75	75	66	72
Cultural and recreational services	no.	-	27	30	27	30
Personal and other services	no.	-	48	54	57	63
Total businesses	no.	-	4 098	4 182	4 194	4 326

* These data relate to persons for whom this source of income was their principal source of income for the relevant financial year

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Table 2: Population/People

		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX - at 30 June						
Males - 0 to 4 years	no.	1 197	1 153	1 120	1 099	1 053
Males - 5 years to 9 years	no.	1 154	1 174	1 172	1 171	1 159
Males - 10 years to 14 years	no.	1 037	1 028	997	975	1 000
Males - 15 years to 19 years	no.	822	786	804	832	834
Males - 20 years to 24 years	no.	877	892	854	822	822
Males - 25 years to 29 years	no.	1 019	940	911	882	869
Males - 30 years to 34 years	no.	1 083	1 094	1 067	1 043	958
Males - 35 years to 39 years	no.	1 058	1 000	969	982	975
Males - 40 years to 44 years	no.	1 129	1 138	1 109	1 070	1 013
Males - 45 years to 49 years	no.	986	994	1 020	1 011	1 024
Males - 50 years to 54 years	no.	873	888	865	855	853
Males - 55 years to 59 years	no.	772	790	802	813	854
Males - 60 years to 64 years	no.	597	607	629	667	643
Males - 65 years to 69 years	no.	485	482	470	491	515
Males - 70 years to 74 years	no.	412	425	427	411	421
Males - 75 years to 79 years	no.	263	273	306	308	310
Males - 80 years to 84 years	no.	151	132	135	149	148
Males - 85 years and over	no.	119	128	113	114	114
Males - Total	no.	14 034	13 924	13 770	13 695	13 565
Females - 0 to 4 years	no.	1 091	1 088	1 049	1 031	1 034
Females - 5 years to 9 years	no.	1 093	1 074	1 069	1 062	1 046
Females - 10 years to 14 years	no.	912	895	895	908	910
Females - 15 years to 19 years	no.	698	689	674	643	656
Females - 20 years to 24 years	no.	794	795	809	836	869
Females - 25 years to 29 years	no.	962	928	900	868	840
Females - 30 years to 34 years	no.	1 081	1 064	1 041	1 005	971
Females - 35 years to 39 years	no.	1 088	1 045	1 037	1 032	1 015
Females - 40 years to 44 years	no.	990	1 001	1 008	1 009	996
Females - 45 years to 49 years	no.	797	848	899	928	928
Females - 50 years to 54 years	no.	762	733	711	716	757
Females - 55 years to 59 years	no.	645	677	699	698	709
Females - 60 years to 64 years	no.	514	531	537	550	557
Females - 65 years to 69 years	no.	412	415	438	479	485
Females - 70 years to 74 years	no.	349	366	364	353	352
Females - 75 years to 79 years	no.	292	283	294	294	304
Females - 80 years to 84 years	no.	166	207	191	214	223
Females - 85 years and over	no.	185	180	178	195	191
Females - Total	no.	12 831	12 819	12 793	12 821	12 843
Persons - 0 to 4 years	no.	2 288	2 241	2 169	2 130	2 087
Persons - 5 years to 9 years	no.	2 247	2 248	2 241	2 233	2 205
Persons - 10 years to 14 years	no.	1 949	1 923	1 892	1 883	1 910
Persons - 15 years to 19 years	no.	1 520	1 475	1 478	1 475	1 490
Persons - 20 years to 24 years	no.	1 671	1 687	1 663	1 658	1 691
Persons - 25 years to 29 years	no.	1 981	1 868	1 811	1 750	1 709
Persons - 30 years to 34 years	no.	2 164	2 158	2 108	2 048	1 929
Persons - 35 years to 39 years	no.	2 146	2 045	2 006	2 014	1 990
Persons - 40 years to 44 years	no.	2 119	2 139	2 117	2 079	2 009
Persons - 45 years to 49 years	no.	1 783	1 842	1 919	1 939	1 952
Persons - 50 years to 54 years	no.	1 635	1 621	1 576	1 571	1 610
Persons - 55 years to 59 years	no.	1 417	1 467	1 501	1 511	1 563
Persons - 60 years to 64 years	no.	1 111	1 138	1 166	1 217	1 200
Persons - 65 years to 69 years	no.	897	897	908	970	1 000
Persons - 70 years to 74 years	no.	761	791	791	764	773
Persons - 75 years to 79 years	no.	555	556	600	602	614
Persons - 80 years to 84 years	no.	317	339	326	363	371
Persons - 85 years and over	no.	304	308	291	309	305
Persons - Total	no.	26 865	26 743	26 563	26 516	26 408
POPULATION DENSITY - at 30 June						
Population density	persons/km^2	-	-	-	-	0.1
INDIGENOUS POPULATION - Census 2006						
Percentage of total population	%	-	-	-	-	11.6
OVERSEAS BORN POPULATION: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION - Census 2006						
Born in Oceania and Antarctica (excluding Australia)	%	-	-	-	-	1.3
Born in North-West Europe	%	-	-	-	-	1.5
Born in Southern and Eastern Europe	%	-	-	-	-	0.2
Born in North Africa and the Middle East	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Born in South-East Asia	%	-	-	-	-	0.4
Born in North-East Asia	%	-	-	-	-	0.1
Born in Southern and Central Asia	%	-	-	-	-	0.1

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Born in Americas	%	-	-	-	-	0.2
Born in Sub-Saharan Africa	%	-	-	-	-	0.4
Total born overseas	%	-	-	-	-	4.2
SPEAKS A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME - Census 2006						
Percentage of total population aged 15 years and over	%	-	-	-	-	1.4
LEVEL OF POST SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER - Census 2006						
Postgraduate Degree	%	-	-	-	-	0.6
Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate	%	-	-	-	-	0.8
Bachelor Degree	%	-	-	-	-	6.7
Advanced Diploma and Diploma	%	-	-	-	-	5.1
Certificate	%	-	-	-	-	15.4
Inadequately Described/Not Stated	%	-	-	-	-	11.0
Total with qualifications	%	-	-	-	-	39.6
OCCUPATION OF EMPLOYED PERSONS: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL EMPLOYED PERSONS - Census 2006						
Managers	%	-	-	-	-	25.1
Professionals	%	-	-	-	-	10.9
Technicians and Trades Workers	%	-	-	-	-	11.3
Community and Personal Service Workers	%	-	-	-	-	7.8
Clerical and Administrative Workers	%	-	-	-	-	10.5
Sales Workers	%	-	-	-	-	6.5
Machinery Operators and Drivers	%	-	-	-	-	8.5
Labourers	%	-	-	-	-	17.6
Inadequately Described/Not Stated	%	-	-	-	-	1.9
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE - Census 2006						
Lone person households	no.	-	-	-	-	2 326
Group households	no.	-	-	-	-	263
Family households	no.	-	-	-	-	6 304
Total households	no.	-	-	-	-	8 891
FAMILIES BY TYPE - Census 2006						
Couple families with children under 15 and/or dependent students	no.	-	-	-	-	2 461
Couple families with non-dependent children only	no.	-	-	-	-	438
Couple families without children	no.	-	-	-	-	2 549
One parent families with children under 15 and/or dependent students	no.	-	-	-	-	581
One parent families with non-dependent children only	no.	-	-	-	-	252
Other families	no.	-	-	-	-	102
Total families	no.	-	-	-	-	6 383
INTERNAL MIGRATION -Census 2006						
Persons who lived at same address 1 year ago	no.	-	-	-	-	18 560
Persons who lived at different address 1 year ago	no.	-	-	-	-	4 513
Persons who lived at same address 5 years ago	no.	-	-	-	-	11 716
Persons who lived at different address 5 years ago	no.	-	-	-	-	8 215
PROPORTION OF POPULATION BY REMOTENESS AREA - Census 2006						
Major Cities	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Inner Regional	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Outer Regional	%	-	-	-	-	26.3
Remote	%	-	-	-	-	51.7
Very Remote	%	-	-	-	-	22.0
PROPORTION OF POPULATION BY SECTION OF STATE - Census 2006						
Major Urban	%	-	-	-	-	0.0
Other Urban	%	-	-	-	-	52.0
Bounded Locality	%	-	-	-	-	14.7
Rural Balance	%	-	-	-	-	33.3
UNPAID WORK: PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER - Census 2006						
Persons undertaking voluntary work for an organisation or group	%	-	-	-	-	29.7
Persons caring for own children without pay	%	-	-	-	-	23.5
Persons caring for other children without pay	%	-	-	-	-	7.1
Persons caring for own children and other children without pay	%	-	-	-	-	1.1
Persons providing unpaid care, help or assistance to family members or others	%	-	-	-	-	9.6
ACCESS TO INTERNET AT HOME: PROPORTION OF OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS - Census 2006						
Broadband connection	%	-	-	-	-	30.7
Dial-up connection	%	-	-	-	-	18.5
Other connection	%	-	-	-	-	0.6
Total internet connections	%	-	-	-	-	49.8

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS - year ended 31 December						
Births	no.	410	410	352	409	432
Total fertility rate	rate	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
Deaths	no.	200	165	174	173	178
Standardised death rate	rate	8.6	8.0	7.8	7.3	7.4

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Table 3: Industry

		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
BUILDING APPROVALS - year ended 30 June						
Private sector houses	no.	70	31	46	58	51
Total dwelling units	no.	80	37	53	63	57
Value of total residential building	$m	11.8	7.4	9.4	13.2	14.7
Value of total non-residential building	$m	6.7	4.1	4.8	21.3	10.1
Value of total building	$m	18.5	11.5	14.2	34.5	24.8
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES - year ended 30 June						
Passenger vehicles	no.	298	270	277	366	309
Other vehicles	no.	893	755	966	1 221	1 172
Total new motor vehicle sales	no.	1 193	1 023	1 243	1 587	1 480
MOTOR VEHICLE CENSUS - REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES - at 31 March						
Number by type of vehicle						
Passenger vehicles	no.	10 049	9 945	9 827	10 045	10 295
Campervans	no.	21	26	22	37	40
Light commercial vehicles	no.	7 695	7 667	7 630	7 761	8 027
Light rigid trucks	no.	164	164	165	172	187
Heavy rigid trucks	no.	1 362	1 386	1 355	1 372	1 398
Articulated trucks	no.	463	469	464	462	477
Non-freight carrying trucks	no.	35	25	30	38	32
Buses	no.	129	125	119	116	115
Motorcycles	no.	463	445	406	431	501
Total registered motor vehicles	no.	20 382	20 248	20 012	20 425	21 070
Number per 1,000 population						
Passenger vehicles	no.	374	372	370	379	390
Campervans	no.	1	1	1	1	2
Light commercial vehicles	no.	286	287	287	293	304
Light rigid trucks	no.	6	6	6	6	7
Heavy rigid trucks	no.	51	52	51	52	53
Articulated trucks	no.	17	18	17	17	18
Non-freight carrying trucks	no.	1	1	1	1	1
Buses	no.	5	5	4	4	4
Motorcycles	no.	17	17	15	16	19
Total registered motor vehicles	no.	759	757	753	770	798
Number by type of fuel						
Petrol - Leaded	no.	3 504	3 003	2 546	2 267	1 959
Petrol - Unleaded	no.	8 724	8 908	9 071	9 470	10 048
Diesel	no.	7 991	8 192	8 272	8 560	8 938
LPG/Dual/Other	no.	165	146	125	128	125
AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES * - year ended 30 June						
Total area						
Area of holding	ha	-	-	-	-	29 745 396.4
Cereals for grain	ha	-	-	-	-	254 504.9
Vegetables for human consumption	ha	-	-	-	-	238.8
Orchard trees (including nuts)	ha	-	-	-	-	411.1
All fruit (excluding grapes)	ha	-	-	-	-	412.2
Non-cereal broadacre crops	ha	-	-	-	-	29 040.4
Total number						
Sheep and lambs	no.	-	-	-	-	1 561 144
Milk cattle (excluding house cows)	no.	-	-	-	-	133
Meat cattle	no.	-	-	-	-	1 106 186
Pigs	no.	-	-	-	-	23 355
HOUSE SALES - year ended 31 December						
Number of sales	no.	-	-	530	535	548
Prices - median value	$	-	-	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Prices - mean value	$	-	-	99 587	114 608	151 463

* Agricultural commodities data is subject to relative standard error (RSE) - for further information see ABS cat no. 7125.0

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Table 4: Environment/Energy

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LAND AREA						
Land area	km^2	-	-	-	-	319 884.2

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